

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

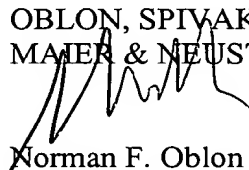
The present application has been allowed, except for the correction of formal matters under *Ex Parte Quayle*. Regarding the required correction of Claim 13, it is Applicants' understanding, based on a brief telephone discussion with Examiner Hartman on November 4, 2003, that the Examiner is only requiring that awkward phrasing of the claim be corrected, not that the claim be substantively modified. Claim 13 has therefore been amended to recite feedback controlling "an instruction value for the control system such that the amount of control becomes substantially equal to the target value." This is believed to clarify the claim without substantively modifying the same, and is believed to satisfy the Examiner's requirement.

Matrix "B1" on page 6 has been corrected as required.

Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit an early notice of allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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